

## John Randolph to Andrew Jackson, June 28, 1831, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### JOHN RANDOLPH TO JACKSON.

London, June 28, 1831.

*My dear Sir,* The day before yesterday, I had the gratification, and it was no small one, to receive your most welcome letter of the 26th of May. By the same packet, I received also the requisite official communications from the Secretary of State to enable me to close my mission to Russia. A few days before their arrival, I was attacked by hemorrhage from the lungs, from which I am not yet relieved. This obliges me to remain as quiet as possible. As soon however as is practicable I shall avail myself of your kind indulgence. The difficulties of communication with the Baltic Ports, to say nothing of the dangers, are such, that if there had been no other obstacle opposed to my return, I could not have proceeded to St. Petersburg, under existing circumstances. I cannot take leave of this subject without reiterating my sense of your kind indulgence and repeating my earnest recommendation of Mr J. R. Clay to your protection and favour.

It is possible that the state of my health may detain me in Europe until the next season. In which case I must entreat your favour to my letters etc: that they be transmitted through the Dept. of State to our legation here, as the readiest way of reaching me in whatever part of Europe I may be. I would write to Mr Livingston but I am now trespassing on the bounds of prudence.

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Reciprocating in the fullest manner your kind and friendly sentiments I remain Dr. Sir, your obliged and faithful